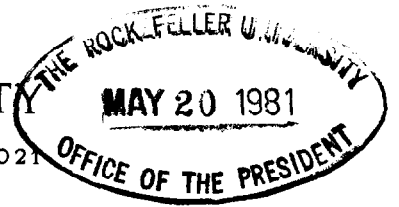




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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I have not been able to locate any manuscript material that sheds light on the Chargaff-Avery connection. Avery is not listed in the guide to the Chargaff Papers and conversely, Chargaff is not listed in the guide to the Avery Papers. Unfortunately, neither collection is well-indexed.

The question of when Chargaff first met Avery is not addressed in the standard secondary sources (see attached photocopies). All seem to be derived, sometimes loosely, from Chargaff's account as given to Olby in an interview in 1968.

On a more positive note, I recently came across an item that you may not have seen: a copy of a letter from William J. Robbins to Grayson Kirk, 30 June 1959, on the contributions of B.O. Dodge, apropos the possibility of an honorary degree from Columbia University (E.L. Tatum Papers, Box 5, Folder 4). A copy of the letter is enclosed.

Yours truly,

Carolyn Kopp

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